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AMENDMENT IN RESPONSE TO OFFICE ACTION

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Sir:

This amendment is filed in response to an official action dated April 10, 2002, wherein claims 1-6, 8-18, and 20-46 were variously rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 102(b), 35 U.S.C. § 103, and 35 U.S.C. § 112, first and second paragraphs. Reconsideration and withdrawal of the rejection are respectfully requested in view of the following amendments and remarks. This response is timely filed with a petition for an extension of time and the requisite fee. If any additional fees are due in connection with this response, the Patent Office is authorized to charge Deposit Account No. 13-2855.

I. AMENDMENT

IN THE CLAIMS

Please cancel claims 1-18 and 20 without prejudice.

Please amend claims 21-24 as follows.